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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a. Amendment and Response to Office Action; and
  - b. Return Receipt Postcard.
2. With respect to additional fees:  
☒ No additional fee is required.
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Date: August 2, 2005

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on May 27, 2005, Applicant hereby submits Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendments and consider the remarks submitted herewith. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the pending claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** are on page 6 of this paper.

**Conclusion** is on page 8 of this paper.